

In the claims:

Rewrite claim 21 (second instance) to read as follows:

22 (amended). The method of claim 18, wherein the forming step comprises:
performing an inverse orthogonalizing transform on the payload signal;
applying a filter response for the current phase to the transform of the payload
signal;
adding the trial clip prevention signal, in a time domain form and after applying
the filter response for the current phase thereto, to the payload signal after the applying step.

Rewrite claim 22 to read as follows:

23 (amended). The method of claim 22, wherein the modifying step comprises:
computing a vector corresponding to the current phase; and
for each of the plurality of phases, modifying the trial clip prevention signal with
the clipped sum signal for the current phase.

Rewrite claim 23 to read as follows:

24 (amended). The method of claim 23, wherein the step of modifying the trial clip
prevention signal with the clipped sum signal for the current phase comprises:
applying a shaping function to the vector, and adding the result to the trial clip
prevention signal filtered by the filter response for the phase.